A BRIEF

DISCOVERY

Of the chief

CAUSES, SIGNS, and EFFECTS,

Of that moſt Reigning Diſeaſe, the

SCURVY:

Together with the

CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, & EFFECTS,

Of ſeveral other dangerous Diſeaſes moſt uſually afflicting Mankind.

Whereunto is added, A ſhort Account of that Incomparable, and moſt highly approved

MEDICINE

CALLED

Bromfield's Pill.

Being the only Remedy this Age hath produced againſt the SCURVY, and moſt other Curable Diſtempers.

Formerly prepared and ſet forth for the Publick Benefit,

By *M. BROMFIELD*;

And now wholly aſſigned by him to Mr. *JOSEPH STENT.*

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The chief Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of the Scurvy.

THIS Disease doth chiefly proceed from Melancholy bred by distempers of the Stomach or Spleen; which being crude, stays in the passages of the Arteries and Veins, and thereby doth excite grievous Fermentation or Workings, from whence are sent Vapors which afflict the heart and brain, &c. from all which is caused malignant and contagious putrefaction of Melancholy; and thence proceed these Symptoms, *viz.* Giddiness in the head, sudden flushings, heat and redness in the face and body, putrefaction and stinking of the mouth and gums, Tooth-ach, stinking breath, blackness and looseness of the teeth, want of digestion, much wind, and unsavoury belchings: and by thick vapors arising from the *Hypocondria* to the midriff, are occasioned obstructions of respiration, or shortness of Breath, and straitness of the Breast, &c. The body is dull and heavy, and in the legs are spots, sometimes red, purple, black, or blue: There are also violent pains in the head, shoulders, arms, fingers, belly, thighs, knees, legs, ancles, feet and toes: Whence some who have had the *Pox*, (though cured) do fear the return of their old malady. There are many thousands have this Distemper, that are perswaded they have the *Gout*; because sometimes it hath the very signs of the *Gout*: which also is the cause why the *Scurvy* (which by mistake is judged the *Gout*) is so seldom cured. For those Medicaments pertinent in the *Gout* are not the very same in the *Scurvy*, and consequently cannot cure it. Other signs of the *Scurvy* are bad sleep, and frightful dreams, a feverish heat and sweats towards the morning. Some have risings on their body, as if stung with Bees or Wasps, &c. others have dolors in their sides, imitating those of the Spleen. And in short, it doth appear to a judicious eye, with and in the shape of most Diseases; as hath been sufficiently apparent, not onely to my self, but also to several other experienced Physitians, who have traced this Disease, and made exact inspection into its variable dresses, for many years together. And it is also observed, that it is propagated and spread abroad in these parts of the world, more than any other Distemper whatsoever; and by its sundry shapes hath seduced many in their judgment of the Disease. For in some it passeth for a *Consumption*, in others for a *Dropsie*, &c. and Medicines are given accordingly, but alas to little purpose, and all for want of a true knowledge of the original of the Disease it self. And here observe a great truth, *viz.* that there are very few afflicted with any Distemper of long continuance, who have not joyned with it a *Scorbutick* taint; which unless it be considered, and some powerful *Antiscorbutick* Medicaments given, the Patient is very rarely, if ever cured.

Now the conclusion of all (if the *Scurvy* be not timely remedied, and that

that it grow predominant) is ſometimes *Swoonings*, *Apoplexies*, *Dropſies*, great decay of the Body, *Conſumptions*, and very often Death it ſelf.

Note, That in ſome, the *Scurvy* is hereditary; and that there are ſome few cauſes thereof, beſides thoſe here ſet down: but theſe being uſually the chief, the other are omitted.

The Cauſes, Signs, and Effects of the VIRGIN *or* MAIDEN *Diſeaſe, called the* GREEN-SICKNESS.

THE main cauſe of this Diſeaſe is from obſtructions or ſtoppage; and the cauſe of ſuch obſtructions, &c. are evil, thick and clammy humours which choak and ſtop the paſſage in the Veſſels, and ſpoil the making and paſſage of the Blood, &c. and theſe proceed from bad Diet; as eating of raw Wheat, Oatmeal, much Salt, Aſhes, Clay, Chalk, &c. drinking of much Vinegar, or much cold Water; from too much or too little Sleep, eating much raw Fruit, ſitting too long at Sewing work, Melancholy, violent Exerciſe, great Heats or Colds, &c.

The ſigns of this Diſeaſe, are a pale and greeniſh colour in the Face, the Face and Eye-lids ſwelled, eſpecially after Sleep; the Heart beats and fainteth, the Stomach ſwell'd or pained; they loath Meat, have a tickling Cough, and their Breath ſhort; they ſometimes Vomit; they have thirſt, Head-ach, and are often Melancholy; they are ſwell'd about their Ancles and Feet, and care not much to ſtir, eſpecially up Stairs or an Hill.

The continuance of this Diſeaſe brings long Fevers, Barrenneſs, great watery Swellings, and the Dropſie: Some have a *Schirrus* or Tumour, and waſting in their Liver; others by oppreſſion of the Heart die ſuddenly, and many fall into *Conſumptions*, which end in the Grave.

Note, That great caution ought to be uſed in Bleeding any Maid in the Arm, before ſhe have had her monthly Viſits; but if an urgent occaſion call for Blood-letting, then rather breathe a Vein in the Ancle. By following this advice, you ſhall moſt certainly prevent the Death of ſome, and many Diſeaſes in others; but more eſpecially that moſt dreadful Diſeaſe of Barrenneſs.

And againſt this very Diſeaſe, *viz.* the *Green-ſickneſs*; and alſo to procure the monthly Viſits in ſuch Women in whom they are wanting, there are but few Medicines comparable to theſe PILLS, as has been often proved, when no other means or Medicines could prevail.

I ſhall here give ſome account concerning WORMS.

OF theſe Creatures are ſeveral ſorts; but the moſt uſual are ſhaped round and long: theſe are bred in the Guts, yet ſometimes get into the Stomach. The ſecond are ſhort, and very ſmall, like threds; and commonly lie in the right Gut, and in the end of the Fundament, wherein is almoſt continual itching; which Worms alſo provoke the Patient very

often to stool. The third sort are long and broad, of an incredible length, but very rarely seen.

Worms are chiefly caused from raw, gross, flegmatick matter; and therefore Youth and such as eat much Fruit, are seldom free from them: Also all great Eaters are very subject to them; especially those who eat Meats that easily putrifie in the Stomach, and more at once than Nature can well digest; whence follow Crudities, and thence Worms; the signs of which are many. Some have unsavory belchings and a stinking Breath, wasting of the Gums, heavinefs, fainting, great thirst, vomiting, cold sweats, and often a Fever; a short Cough, unquiet Sleep, intolerable gnawing pains in the Stomach and Belly, loss of Appetite, weakness and consumption of the whole Body. Many times the Patient hath an insatiable Appetite, caused by flat Worms, which devour the Food that is eaten. There are a few signs more of Worms, but these being the most common, I shall say no more of the rest at present; only thus much shall add, that if Worms be voided alive, without other excrement, in the beginning of a Disease, 'tis dangerous, and signifies great Crudities; and if voided dead, signifies much putrefaction that has killed them, which probably, shortly after kills the Patient.

In short, 'tis the opinion of our Age, grounded upon experimental proofs, that Worms and their effects, have conducted more People to their Graves, than any one Distemper whatsoever. And therefore you that suspect them in your selves, make much of these PILLS, as a choice remedy to prevent a Worm-eaten Carcase: and take them ere too late; by which doing you may prolong your days in ease and health, and be obliged to thank your Adviser.

The Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of DROPSIES.

THE Dropsie *Ascites*, is from abundance of Water heaped up between the *Peritonæum*, or inner-coat of the Belly, and Bowels; which infecting the Mouth of the Stomach, doth bring great thirst, and often a Fever. Sometimes it begins in the Feet, and swells upward to the Legs, Thighs and Cods: but at the same time the upper parts of the Body usually consume. The cause of this *Dropsie* may be from a cold Distemper of the Liver, which cannot make perfect Blood, but Flegm, Wind, and Water. Sometimes a *Dropsie* may proceed from a *Fever*, hot Meats, and too plentiful drinking of Wine; whence the Liver, Spleen, and Kidneys, may lose part of their native heat, and consequently their ability to attract the Water, and eject it by the *Ureters*. The same may be caused from the natural *Flux* in Women flowing too plentifully, or from retention of the same: And drinking much cold Water may diminish and disperse the native heat, and by that means make way for a *Dropsie*.

The Dropsie *Tympanites*, is from wind shut up in the cavity of the *Abdomen*,

domen or Belly, and sometimes in the Guts. This wind is bred from crude thick flegmatick, or Melancholy humors, which by heat having motion, and made thin, become grosse windy Vapors. This *Dropsie* is never of wind alone, but always mixt with Water. But the greatest part of this Distemper proceeding from wind, it is then called a *Tympany*.

The Dropsie *Anasarca* is, without controverse, bred from a cold Distemper of the Liver, which hinders its concoction; from whence, instead of good Blood, it dispersteth flegmatick humors, and causeth the whole Body to swell. A *Dropsie* may be also caused from all tumors or obstructions of the Liver, much bleeding, great evacuation by Stool, Sweat, *&c.*

Note, All *Dropsies* are dangerous, and hardly cured. Yet the Dropsie *Anasarca*, which is occasioned by flegm spread over the whole Body, is easiest cured of the three; but *Ascites* and *Tympanites*, with much more difficulty. Notwithstanding, I here promise that my Pills do very rarely fail to give help in the most dangerous *Dropsie*, provided the Disease be within the Power of Physick to remedy.

Note, That all the Symptoms afore-mentioned, are seldom in every one that have these Diseases at one and the same time (except those in *Dropsies*) but most are; and some have more, and some fewer of them.

There remains now something more to be said of those excellent Pills afore-named; of which briefly thus.

Two of the larger Boxes of them, price but six Shillings, are usually enough for perfect Cure of either of the aforesaid Diseases, except the Disease be of very long continuance; and then the Person doth sometimes take a small quantity more, to perfect the Cure.

These Pills are also of admirable use for such as have the *POX*, *Gonorrhœa*, or *Running of the Reins*; and for such as formerly have had either of those Diseases, and suspect an ill Cure, or dread a relapse: and for such they are of good use, taken in the Spring, or Autumn, to carry off any reliques of the Malady that may be suspected to remain.

They are likewise one of the most sure and speedy Medicines in the World against the *Green-sickness*, and for such young Women as want their monthly Visits. And (as I hinted before) have recovered many, who have been brought even to the Grave with these Distempers.

They are also of good use against Fits of the Mother, as likewise against foulness, and other Distempers of the Womb, taking away the causes of Barrenness.

They free the Body from lumpish Melancholy humours, and revive drooping Spirits even to a wonder, cure the Jaundice, and are a good Medicine against heat and sharpness of Urine

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I shall add, That these Pills taken sometimes to prevent Diseases, or more closely followed to cure, as need shall require, are a choice remedy for all Families, especially those who inhabit near the Seas, such (much more than others) being liable to Obstructions, Agues, the Scurvy, and many other Distempers.

They are also a precious Medicine for Mariners, and such as use the Seas, to whom the Scurvy, and many other Diseases, are very incident; partly from bad Airs, Sea Fogs, sudden Heats and Colds, much Salt Diet; and sometimes from excessive drinking of Foreign and unfrequented Liquors, *&c.* and they are the more commodious for such to take to Sea with them, because in the time of taking them, none is confined to keep in, but every one may walk abroad at pleasure (except the weather be extream sharp, or the body very tender) for indeed they are so gentle, that they are safely taken by all Persons, from three Years Old, to the greatest Age; and at all times of the Year, even in the coldest or hottest Seasons; being so congruous to all Constitutions, as gently to wait Nature in her dictates; as is daily manifested by their sundry and facile Operations: for in some they gently move sweat, in others much Urine, and in others they operate effectually by Stool: and in some again, they work by sweat, Urine, and Stool. So that which way soever Nature is inclined to acquit her self, that very way they are ready to assist her.

Many more are the Vertues might truly be ascribed to this Medicine; but I shall only add, that it being taken some few times at Spring and Autumn, doth fortifie the Body against the assaults of most Diseases; and it is also found, by daily Experience, to free the Body from malignant humours, and to resist these Diseases. *viz.* the *SCURVY*, the violent *Headach*, *Palsie*, *Falling-sickness*, *Apoplexy*, *Lethargy*, or sleepy Disease, *Vertigo*, *Dizziness*, *Frenzy*, *Madness*, *Catarrhs*, or *Defluctions*, *Asthma*, or *Shortness of breath*, *obstructions* of the *Liver*, *Spleen* and *Mesentery*, *Agues*, *Quotidian*, *Tertian*, or *Quartan*, *Foulness* and Distempers of the *Womb*, *Pain*, and *foulness of the Stomach*, putrefaction of *Humors*, *Kings-Evil*, *Leprosie*, *Mange*, *Scurf*, *Running Pains*, *Stitches*, *Convulsions*, *Gout*, *Sciatica*, *Cholicks*, *Stone*, *Loosness*, *Fluxes*, *Excoriation* of the *Intestines*, or *Griping* in the *Guts*, *Surfeits*, loss of *Appetite*, *Vomiting*, &c, purges gross *Tartarous humours* from the Body, thereby preventing the *Gout*, also sweetning and purifying the whole Mass of Blood, *&c.*

And know that it doth not only prevent these Diseases, but doth also cure the most of them: And, in a word, is a significant and most Noble Medicine against most curable Distempers.

I shall also add, that these Pills do wonderfully remedy a Stinking-breath, if the cause be not in the Teeth. They are likewise a singular good remedy against those Painful, Watery Flegmatick, or Cholerick Vomi-

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things incident to the Good-fellow, after drinking much, and sitting up late at night. Also the Pills being taken, to the number of Three, Four, or Five, as the body is able, the next morning after hard drinking (and the person to lie in bed two or three hours after taking them, or until they work) do prevent *Surfeits*, *Fevers*, *Gouts*, *Palsies*, *Dropsies*, &c. which are often the effects of too much Wine, or strong Liquors.

I shall now insert the Names and Dwellings of some few (of the great number that I might) who have been restored by my Pills, out of many dangerous Distempers, after all other Medicines have failed.

Mr. *Harding* of *Linnington* near *Warwick*, being near Eighty years of age, had been a long time troubled with a dangerous Scurvy and Dropsie, being swelled as much as his skin could hold, in his feet, legs, thighs, belly, privities, breast, arms, hands and head, so that he was not able to stir out of his bed, was with six shillings worth of my Pills perfectly cured.

Mr. *Richard Hinton*, Living near the Cock, towards the upper end of *Leather-Lane*, being brought into such a low and dangerous condition with Griping in the Guts, as there was very little hopes of life, was, however, by a Friend of his advised to my Pills, as the only Medicine to be hoped in for his Recovery; whereupon he freely took them, and was thereby in a very few days perfectly recovered.

Mr. *Joseph Seldon*, Woodmonger on *Mill-bank*, *Westminster*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous *Dropsie*; insomuch that the print of a finger would have continued a long time in his flesh; and in this condition (by a sad accident) was thrust into the body with a Sword, and bled much inwardly: his wounds alone were judged so dangerous, that most gave him over for a dead man; and yet some perswaded him after all to try what my Pills would do for him, which he willingly assented to: And their effects were indeed most wonderful, for they brought from him all the *Coagulated*, or hardned blood, which was judged before would very much hasten his death; they caused his wounds quickly to heal, and perfectly cured this *Dropsie*.

Mary the Wife of *Dennis Barnard* of *Butleigh* in the County of *Somerset*, having been above three years troubled with a violent tormenting pain in the left side of her Stomach, but more especially after eating or drinking (when, it was her constant use to tumble her self on the ground, in hopes of ease thereby) had the advice of many Physitians, and took many Medicines they prescribed her; but found no ease at all: And being brought exceeding low, even to the gates of death, almost despairing of life, was informed of the wonderful effects of my Pills; whence upon a Box of them was bought for her, at *Yeovil* in the said County; she took of them as many and as oft as her body was able to bear, and they

they brought from her by Stool many hundreds of living Worms, of ſtrange ſhapes; ſome about an inch in length, ſome longer, and headed like Eels. At laſt they brought from her ſomewhat like a bag; which was judged to be that wherein the Worms had lain. The woman upon this recovered perfect health, look't freſh and well, and became as able to follow her buſineſs as in all her life; ſhe being at that time Fifty years of Age.

Mrs. *Griſet*, of *Rockhal* near *Warwick*, having been a long time ſorely afflicted with an *Ague*, was thereby brought into a very weak condition; and withal being much troubled with the *Scurvy*, had ſpots of ſeveral colours on her legs, and ſuch violent pains in her joynts, that ſhe was hardly able to go: This Gentlewoman was perfectly cured with Fifteen ſhillings worth of my Pills, and in a ſhort time became one of the heartieſt women in that Town.

Matthew Griſet of *Rockhal* above named, being very far gone with the *Scurvy*, and full of blew ſpots, and knotted in his joynts, had many great breakings out on his body; all which with nine ſhillings worth of my Pills, were perfectly cured.

Mr. *Samuel Hooky*, of *Thrupe* near *Chriſt-Church* in *Hampſhire*, being for a long time exceeding ſick and weak, and judged by all to be far gone in a Conſumption, and being given over by moſt Phyſitians for a dead man, was, to the great wonder of all that knew him, perfectly cured with my Pills.

Mr. *John Hall* of *Stowmarket* in *Suffolk*, being extreamly afflicted with the Scurvy and Gout, was cured with my Pills.

Edward Goodall of *Stowmarket*, was alſo cured by my Pills, of the Gout, Scurvy, and ſeveral other Indiſpoſitions.

Mr. *Robert Taylor* of *Hadleigh* in *Suffolk*, being much troubled with the Scurvy, and having great pains in his bones, was perfectly cured with my Pills.

The Wife of *John Roper* of *Southover*, in the Pariſh of *Tolpidale* in *Dorſetſhire*, was exceedingly troubled for the ſpace of eight years with the *Scurvy* and *Dropſie*, her legs being full of purple, red and yellow ſpots, and ſo ſwelled, that they were ready to burſt; and ſhe was often ſo full of pain in them, that ſhe could not go, but upon her hands and knees; ſhe was lifted into, and out of her bed: and after the trial of all likely means that could be heard of for her Cure proved ſucceſleſs, ſhe had perfect help by the uſe of my Pill, which made her ſo well, that ſhe could travel on Foot nine or ten miles in one day, being then Fifty years of age.

Mr. *John Edmonds* of *Arundel* in *Suſſex*, being extreamly afflicted with the Scurvy, inſomuch that himſelf and others concluded it would in a ſhort time end his days, was to the great admiration of all his acquaintance, perfectly cured by my Pills, as in his Letter to me he doth fully and thankfully acknowledge.

Mr. *Pearſon* of the Bank, within two miles of *Sheffield* in *York-ſhire*, was exceedingly ſwelled with the *Dropſie*, and his breath ſo ſhort, that he judg-

ed he had not long to live: And being in this sad condition sent for a Box of my Pills, with which he cured not only himself, but also two of his neighbours, who at that time were so desperately ill, that their Physitians gave them both over for dead men: And in the same Parish one of my Pills perfectly cured a Child of *Convulsion-fits*.

Mr. *John Johnson*, servant to Mr. *Thomas Forth*, Brewer in St. *Giles's* in the Fields, *London*, being so far gone in a most dangerous *Dropsie*, that he appeared to all that beheld him absolutely past Cure, and not likely to live three days; was, to the great admiration of all that knew him, perfectly cured with my Pills. And of this great Cure any may be satisfied at the house of the said Mr. *Forth*, as also by most of the Inhabitants thereabout.

Mr. *Henry Towgood*, an Officer of the Excise, resident at the Bell in *Shepton-mallet* in *Somersetshire*, being exceedingly afflicted with the *Scurvy*, and so much swelled with the *Dropsie*, that he could not lift his hands to his head, his teeth were loose, his breath short, stomach lost, his body exceeding weak, and he almost despairing of help, was in a short time perfectly cured with my Pills; and his Cure in those parts is judged most wonderful.

Thomasin Spurwel, Servant to *Jonathan Spark*, Esq; at the Friery in *Plymouth*, having for divers years been afflicted with violent tormenting pains in her Stomach, and several other Indispositions proceeding from some Maiden obstructions, whereby she was brought very weak; was, after all other means had failed, perfectly cured with my Pills.

In *March* 1684. Mr. *William Forman*, living in *Gardners* Ally near *Clarkenwel-green*, was in that dangerous condition, that he lay Bed-rid 20 Weeks, or upward, and could not turn in his Bed, without two Persons to help him: He was so far gone with a desperate *Scurvy*, and *Dropsie*, that he had quite lost the use of his Limbs; which were restored, and he perfectly cured by my Pills. He will also give further satisfaction to any that desire it.

Mr. *Doules* of *Milton*, four miles from *Marlborow* in *Wiltshire*, being even at the gates of Death, not able to move about his Chamber, with a most dangerous Scurvy and Dropsie, was, to the admiration of the whole Country, perfectly cured with my Pills.

John Lawrence, being grievously afflicted with the Dropsie and Scur[illegible] several Months; my Legs swelled to admiration, having above fifty holes in them; and being given over by several Physicians as past cure, was advised by an acquaintance of mine, who had been in the like condition, to take *Bromfield's* Pills, saying they were the safest & only Remedy for my Distemper that could be, and that by the use of those Pills he himself had obtained a perfect Cure: Whereupon I being willing to try any thing, which might contribute to my recovery, I presently applyed my self to the taking of them, which wrought so effectually with me, that with less than four half Boxes, in six weeks time, I received a perfect Cure, and was able to perform as good a days work as ever I did in all my life, and at this time am, blessed be God, in good health and

ſtate of Body, really believing, that if it had not been for thoſe Pills, I ſhould undoubtedly have loſt my life. All this I do hereby affirm to be true, which I am ready to ſatisfie any perſon in, that ſhall enquire of me. To which I freely ſet my hand, this 23d day of December 1686. *John Lawrence.*

Mr. *Rowland* the Miniſter of *Biſhopſton*, near *Marlborow* in *Wilt-ſhire*, being brought even to the grave with a moſt dangerous *Scurvy* and *Dropſie*, received a moſt wonderful Cure with my Pills.

John White, Servant to Mr. *Marſhall* of St. *Albans*, was exceedingly afflicted with the Yellow and Black *Jaundies*, alſo had the *Scurvy* in a very high degree, and an exceeding dangerous *Dropſie*, ſo that all gave him over for a dead man, yet was perfectly cured with my *Pills*.

Mr. *Nicholas Goyge*, of *Tisbury* near *Hendon* in *Wilt-ſhire*, being 65 years of age, was exceedingly afflicted with a ſwelling and watery humor in his Legs, which run much, he lay long under the Chyrurgions hands, but finding no good from them, applied himſelf to my *Pills*, which perfectly cured him, ſo that he was as able to follow buſineſs, as he had been in 20 years before, as was acknowledged under his own hand on the 11th. of *Novemb.* 1677.

James Swanton Eſq; living in *Kelberry*, in the County of *Kildare* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, being extreamly afflicted with the *Scurvy* and *Dropſie*, received a moſt wonderful Cure with my *Pills*.

Mr. *William Leeds*, living at the Wheat-ſheaves and Pidgeons in *Portſmouth*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous Scurvy and Dropſie, inſomuch that he was given over by Phyſitians for a dead man, all hopes of his Recovery being paſt, and not being able to turn him in his bed without help, was by the bleſſing of God perfectly cured with leſs than Six ſhillings worth of my Pills; and this I had notice of by requeſt of the ſaid Mr. *Leeds*, in a Letter dated the 10. of *July*, 1677.

Katharine Green, Widow of *Watesford*, within two miles of *Hartford*; was extreamly troubled with very ſick Vomiting Fits, for the ſpace of three years, and ſometimes with violent pains in her ſide ready to ſwoon away; ſhe ſought for help to ſeveral eminent Phyſitians, far and near, but could find none, inſomuch that ſhe was pined away even to a Sceleton, and indeed did deſpair of Life; but being adviſed to try my Pills as the likelieſt Medicine for her Cure, ſhe accordingly did take them, and with ſuch ſucceſs, through the mercy of God to her, that with leſs than a three Shilling Box of them, She was perfectly Cured, to the great admiration of all that knew her. And this Relation is printed upon her own requeſt, which ſhe is ready to teſtify.

Goodman Stratton, living at *Shreem* near *Highworth*, in the County of *Wilts*; being exceeding ſick and lame, and having ſpent much time and Money in ſeeking after help, but to no purpoſe, and his Cure being almoſt diſpaired of, he was however, adviſed to take my Pills as the only remedy proper againſt his Maladies, if any Cure might be hoped for which

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he accordingly did, and by his use of little above three shillings worth of them, he received a perfect Cure, and in their operation or working with him at several times, he voided incredible quantities of strangely shaped Worms exceeding large and long, to the great admiration of the beholders; and this Cure is accounted so wonderful, that the like hath not been heard of in those parts.

An Abstract of a Letter from *Thomas Baker*, of *Darking* in *Surry*.

SIR, *It hath pleased God, by the use of your Pills, two marvelous great Cures have been wrought in our Town: The one was upon* Thomas Laker, *aged seventy four years, who was extreamly afflicted for the space of thirty years, with great numbers of Worms in his Fundament, so that it is almost incredible to say what vast numbers came from him, and he having been with many Physicians for help, could get none, but was given over as incurable; however, some that had experienced your Pills, advised him to try them, which accordingly he did, and was perfectly cured with an eighteen penny Box of them. The other Cure was on* Henry Dibble, *also of* Darking, *aged above sixty years, who was so far overrun with a violent Scurvy, that his Physicians gave him over as past all hopes of Recovery, who, notwithstanding, was perfectly cured with taking one eighteen penny Box of your Pills. These Cures were performed, the first in the Year* 1680. *and the latter in the Year* 1681. *but I thought not fit to give you any account of them, until they had continued some considerable time free from those Distempers, that we might be assured their Cures were perfect and confirmed, which now we sufficiently are, without the least sign of a Relapse. These are real truths, as can be testified by many in our Town, as also by*

Darking 22d. of January 168½.

Your Loving Friend
Thomas Baker.

A Letter from Mr. *Bradshall*, Minister of *Lime* in *Cheshire*.

Mr. Bromfield,

THESE *parts of* Cheshire *are bound to praise God and pray for you, for those excellent Pills sent by you amongst them, whereof eighteen perfectly cured one* Peter Hunt *a Shoe-maker of* Lime, *in the County of* Chester, *in two or three days time, to the great admiration of his Neighbours. Both his hands were very much swelled with great pain, and his Body in an high Feaver, and much infected with the Yellow Jaundice. The first Dose eased his hands and whole body; the second took down the swelling, and the third put him into a good state of Body, and so dried the superfluous matter in his hands, that it pilled off in a very short time: And he hath lived since in good health for two or three Years, without taking any other Physick. I might inform you of many other wonderful Cures performed by your Pills with God's blessing, on multitudes of Gentlemen, Gentlewomen, and persons of inferiour rank, who have been speedily cured by them of a putrid Feaver, which hath much infected these parts since so rare a Medicine for it was by you sent us. So many also have been cured*

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by them of Colds, and Wormes, and several other Distempers, too many to be particularly mentioned, that I conceive your Pills cannot be sufficiently commended by

SIR, Your thankful Friend and Servant,

T. Bradshai.

An abstract of a Letter from Mr. *Thomas Pitt*, Chirurgeon in *Lime*, in the County of *Dorset*.

SIR, *I hold my self obliged to give you an account of the great benefit, I, in my private practice, as well as the Country round, have received by the worth and excellency of your Pills, I have found them effectual against inveterate Scurvies, Calenture, Griping in the Guts, and Scrophulous Tumors, one Dose hath cured Surfeits to admiration, they have cured pains in the head, old aches in the Limbs, and many other distempers.*

More particularly three persons in and near this Town, one of a Dropsie and Scurvy, who had been diseased eight years, another was given away (as was judged by a consumption) to a Seeleton, who by taking two half Boxes was perfectly cured, the third by taking one Box was perfectly cured of the Yellow Jaundies. I could also give you an account of a great many more Cures wrought by your Pills, but shall add no more at this time but that I am,

Lime, June 22. 1675. SIR, Your humble Servant at Command, *Thomas Pitt.*

An abstract of a Letter from *Richard Carter* Distiller at *Chichester*.

Doctor,

THese are to acquaint thee with a remarkable Cure that hath been lately performed with thy Pills, upon the Daughter of Edmund Stevens of the Parish of Appledrum, *near this City; she hath been extreamly afflicted with tormenting pains in her Stomach and Bowels, and many times in all her Limbs, with great weakness in all parts of her Body, seeming to be in a Consumptive condition, very much loathing her meat, not being in a capacity to eat with her Father and Mother at their Table in several years; much hath been spent upon Physicians and in Physick, for her Cure, but all in vain; and she continuing in this sad condition from seven years old, to the age of seventeen years, caused her Relations to despair of ever getting help for her, yet notwithstanding all seeming unlikelinesse of her recovery, she is perfectly cured with taking thy Pills, and hath continued in good health ever since last Spring: and this will be Testified to any that shall enquire, by her Father and Mother, (who are Credible Persons) and who also desired me to give thee this account: I might also enform thee of several others, but having no order for it by these Cured, shall say no more at present but rest.*

Chichester, the 19th of the 11th Month, 1677. Thy Friend *Rich. Carter.*

Directions

Directions for taking of my PILLS, *are as followeth.*

I. PErsons of a middle ſtrength are to begin with taking three or four Pills at Bed-time, about three hours after a very light Supper (but no Supper is better.) If three or four work not ſufficiently, add one every night, until you take the Doſe that beſt agrees with your Body: take them two or three nights one after another (or as ſtrength will allow) then forbear them a night, (or two nights if the Patient be not ſtrong) then take them again as before, &c.

II. Thoſe whoſe Bodies are weak, or that a little Phyſick will work with, may begin with two Pills, taken after their firſt ſleep, or very early in the morning faſting, and lie in bed an hour, (or two, or three hours) after them if conveniently they can.

III. *Note*, If the Pills taken at bed-time uſually work much in the night, it will in ſuch caſe be beſt to take them very early in the morning, and to lie in bed 2 or 3 hours after taking them: or 2 or 3 Pills more or leſs, may be taken at night, and as many in the morning, as ſtrength will allow.

IV. Women with Child, and thoſe that give ſuck, ſhould begin with taking but one or two Pills at moſt; and afterwards may take more, as they find convenient.

V. To children about three or four years old, give half or three quarters of a Pill; to elder children give a Pill, 2 or 3, according to their age and ſtrength: And by the way [illegible] there is no better Remedy in the world againſt Worms.

VI. If the Patient be thirſty, in time of the Pills working, he may drink a draught or two of [illegible] drink, thin Broth, or ſuch Liquors as he beſt likes, except in *Dropſies*, [illegible] 'tis beſt to drink the Liquor made as followeth (if covenicntly to be [illegible]

Take of the tops of Green-broom *ſix handfuls, of* Fumitary *as much, Garden* Scurvy-graſs, *Common* Wormwood, *of each three handfuls, all cut, Bark of* Elder *ten Ounces*, Juniper-berries *bruiſed, twelve Ounces*, Anniſeeds *bruiſed, ſix ounces*, Horſe-raddiſh Roots *three ounces*, Liquoriſh *four ounces: ſlice the Roots, put them into a thin Linnen or Hair Bag, and put them into five gallons of ſtrong Ale: when it hath almoſt done working, then within a day or two after, the Patient ſhould begin to drink thereof three draughts in a day: but if he drink no other Liquor it will be the better, and let him ſometimes eat a little candied or* Green-ginger, *and ſtill remember, beſides the drink to take my Pills as before appointed.* Theſe Directions obſerved, the Pills ſeldom fail to remedy any curable *Dropſie*, as hath been often proved. And note, this Drink, with my Pills, is alſo of excellent uſe for ſuch as find themſelves very far gone with the *Scurvy*.

VII. Such as care not to ſwallow Pills alone, may take them in a little of the pap of an Apple, ſtew'd Prunes, five or ſix ſpoonfuls of Beer, Ale, or Wine; or they may be bruiſed or cut ſmall (which indeed is the beſt way if

If they be very hard by long keeping and taken with Honey, Sugar, the pap of an Apple, Beer, Ale, or Wine, &c.

VIII. Against the *Pox*, *Gonorrhœa*, or *Running of the Reins*, let the Pills be taken in the largest Dose, yet not so, as much to weaken the Patient.

IX. *Note*, My Pills sometimes give an easie Vomit or two; that is when the Dose is large, the Stomach foul, or Nature much inclined that way; which proves very well for the Patient: For they carry forth such Cholerick, Flegmatick, and other noxious Excrements, as Nature could not well avacuate any other way, and by that means often compleat the Cure. And if in their working the Patient chance to be much stomachsick (which seldom happens) then let him drink a glass of Sack or White-wine; or if Wine be too costly, a draught of strong Ale warm'd; either of which usually gives speedy ease.

☞ *And because I would have no mistake, pray observe, That those whose Distempers are of long continuance, cannot in reason expect perfect Cure with three or four times taking my* Pills, *such should therefore take them in a Dose as large as they can conveniently bear, and continue them ten or fifteen days, or longer if need require; omitting them a day or two sometimes, as before directed, or as the Patient shall see cause.*

And that my Pills *may fully answer every ones expectation, I do advise all persons that shall swallow them (whole) and not find them opperate by Stool or other ways by Sweat, Urine, &c. as may be expected from the number of* Pills *taken, that they would afterwards eat or bruise them very small, and so take them in the Pap of an Apple, Honey, or stew'd Prunes, or drink them in half a dozen Spoonfuls of Ale, Beer, or what ball [illegible] which is a sure way to make them opperate to content; they being [illegible] at all the worse (but only harder) though seven years old.*

And indeed it is also a piece of good Husbandry, (besides it's great advantage in forwarding the Cure) to eat or bruise them; for four or five Pills *so taken will be to all intents and purposes as significant as six or seven taken whole: also to drink a good draught or two in the forenoon of Posset-drink, thin broth, or Ale, will very much forward and quicken their operation.*

But withal you should note, That when not only my Pills, *but any other purging Medicine hath been taken three or four days immediately one after another, there cannot be matter the third and fourth times to work on, as there was at the first and second takings. And so is it also most true, that half so many Stools, when they have been taken three or four days as above mentioned, are as significant to the cure of a Distemper, as so many more were at first taking. Now these things being but thoroughly considered, and my Directions rightly followed, I am very confident that every rational mans expectations (in the use of my* Pills) *will be fully answered: But for such as will not follow Directions in taking them, it will be much better both for them and me, that they let my* Pills *quite alone, and so I heartily desire them to do.*

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My PILLS are disposed of in Tin-boxes sealed up with my Seal at Arms, being a *Lion passant Gaurdant*, the larger Box containing about Forty Pills (or within one or two more or less) is Three shillings; and the lesser Box of Nineteen or Twenty Pills is Eighteen pence.

But because of Dangers, and extraordinary charge of Fraight by Sea, and great cost of Returns from many parts out of *England*: the larger Box of Pills in *Scotland* and *Ireland* is sold for three shillings six Pence; and the lesser Box for one shilling nine Pence, and not under: And are to be sold by

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Mr. Martin, at the Coffee-house in *King-street* near *Guildhall*.

Mr. John Rawse, Trunk-maker in *Ratcliff Highway* at the end of Old *Gravel-Lane*.

Mr. Burgess, Cheesmonger at the *George* at *Shadwell Dock*.

Mr. Tillery Wallton, at the *Holy-Bush* at *Queen-Hithe*.

Mr. *Harrod*, Cheesmonger within *Smithfield Barrs*.

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Mr. King, Razor-maker at the Flying-horse against St. *Clements* Church in the *Strand*.

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Mrs. Bembury, at her Shop in *Westminster-Hall*, near the Common-Pleas.

Mr.

Mr. *Thomas Farras*, Pastry-Cook near the Bull near the Barrs *in White-Chapel*.

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Mr. *Adam Levingston*, Fruiterer at the South Entrance of the Royal *Exchange*.

Mr. [illegible], Chandler [illegible] the Rooms in [illegible]-Court.

And are also to be Sold (as aforesaid) at my House in Bartholomew-Close, at the Sign of the Walls in Plow-yard in Fetter-lane, *London*, by Mr. Joseph Scott.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR above 25 years past, that my Pills have been made publick, by the assistance of God have attended with admirable success to several sorts of Distempers incident to mankind, and thereby having done many persons great service, and gained a good reputation, some wicked persons out of a design of gain, have falsly pretended they have got the Secret of them; who wandring through the Countries, have offered to sale their spurious Counterfeit Pills to sale: these are therefore to caution all persons from buying any of the same, that if they can discover any such person or persons as aforesaid, they may give notice thereof, that I may prosecute against them according to Law, all such impudent and dissolute Impostors as these deserve.

WHEREAS it hath of late been falsly given out by some evil disposed persons, that I the Author and Publisher of this Advertisement, Joseph Scott, sells forth Pills in my Name, without any Power or Authority from me: I do therefore to satisfy all Persons, that I the said Joseph Scott, am at my House in Bartholomew-Close, over against the Entrance into Cloth-fair, ready to serve all Persons, that I am Publisher of the said Pills, and have Power from the Author to sell them, and to no other Person whatsoever: And I do hereby give notice to all Persons, that I am not removing, have sold none of my Right, Title, Interest or Property in the said Pills, to any Person or Persons whatsoever; and that I the said Joseph Scott, am the only Person to whom the Author hath given Power to sell the said Pills, and that I will prosecute to the utmost all those that shall counterfeit, or sell any Counterfeit Pills, over did or shall dispose the Secret of the said Pills, and that I have sold none of the said Pills, but at my Dwelling-house in Plow-yard in Fetter-lane, where I have sold for the space of above seven years last past.

Dated at my Dwelling-House formerly Dwelling, about the [illegible]

M. BROMFIELD.

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